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Thank you for the message and highlighting key next steps. In this instance, I support the proposal to move the draft declaration directly to the full committee given the need of all Members to prepare for the virtual session on Friday.

With respect to the proposed language on the Ukraine, I will consult internally for final guidance but the

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For a dedicated session on the Ukraine, I can revert but can you provide more information on when that might take place? The schedule is already quite full.

Best, Hodayah

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Dear John, André, Hodayah,

Ministerial Declaration – next steps

The third round of consultation on the draft ministerial declaration closed on 11 March. We received comments from 25 delegations and we are now working through all comments received.

As you know, we have scheduled a live virtual consultation on Friday to discuss the outstanding issues. John has kindly agreed to chair the meeting. The objective will be to go over the parts of the text where views have not yet converged, in the hope of agreeing to as much of the text at the meeting as possible. We will contact John separately to prepare for the meeting.

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Following the Friday meeting, we anticipate that an additional short round of written consultations (48 hours), may be needed (around 21 or 22 March to 23 or 24 March). We can determine this together toward the end of the meeting on Friday.

Responding to the Russia-Ukraine war

You will have seen Lithuania's proposal to insert language in the Ministerial Declaration condemning Russia's attack against Ukraine. They have since forwarded that proposal to all deputy permanent representatives of the OECD delegations (and cancelled their Minister's attendance at the meeting). JP and SWE indicated support for the language via the written consultations while CAN noted support for some sort of language on the situation. No other delegations responded specifically on the point of Lithuania's proposal but a fair number have contacted the Secretariat bilaterally asking how we intend to respond to the situation. We have discussed this carefully internally, with the Secretary-General, global outreach, Council Secretariat and Legal teams. We have also spoken to Italy, as Chair of the MCM, and to the Director of Labour and Social Affairs, who will hold the next OECD Ministerial (and only other OECD Ministerial before the June MCM) in order to seek consistency of approaches across the Organisation's bodies.

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The following is what we propose, first for a dedicated session on what is unfolding from an environmental perspective, second on how to respond through the Ministerial declaration.

Acknowledgement in the draft Ministerial Declaration

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Dedicated session at the Ministerial: Analysis of the consequences of the conflict on issues under EPOC's mandate

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We are keen to hear your thoughts on these proposals.

All the best,

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